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Urban District Council of Telling.

Chairman:

Councillor ANTHONY JOYCE, J.P.

Vice-Chairman:

Councillor J. T. KANE

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Councillor T. SMITH.

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WILLIAM D MILLAR, M.B., B.S., B Hy. (Durh), D.P.H.

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ROBT J. McLAREN, C.R.S.I., Cert. Inspector of Meat
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T. J. WESTGARTH, C.R.S.I.

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Temporary—Miss J. CRESSWELL (JUNE TO DEC.)

Health Department,

Council Offices,

Felling-on-Tyne.

*To the Chairman and Members of
Felling Urban District Council.*

MADAM AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Conditions of the District for the year 1942.

As in the two previous years, the report has been very largely curtailed.

The birth-rate per 1,000 of the population showed at increase from 14.4 to 16.8. The death rate decreased from 13.0 in 1941 to 12.1

I wish to take this opportunity of recording my grateful appreciation for the assistance I have received from the Chairman and Members of the Council and also from the Staff of the Health Department and the Matron and Staff of the Hospital.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

W. D. MILLAR,

Medical Officer of Health.

Section A.

Statistics and Social Condition of the District.

Area—1st January to 31st March	3,405 acres
Number of inhabited houses (at end of 1941 according to rate books)	6,800
Rateable Value (31st December)	£99,104
Sum represented by a penny rate	£364

Extracts from Vital Statistics

Live Births—	Total.	M.	F.
Legitimate ...	373	175	198
Illegitimate ...	15	7	8
Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population 16.8.			

Still Births—			
Legitimate ...	15	9	6
Illegitimate ...	1	0	1
Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births 37.5.			

Deaths	281	152	129
Death rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population 12.1.			

Deaths from puerperal causes (Heading 29 & 30 of the Registrar-General's short list):—

	Deaths.	Rate per 1,000 total (live & still) births.	
No. 29—Puerperal Sepsis	0	...	0
No. 30—Other Puerperal causes	0	...	0
	<hr/> 0		<hr/> 0

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age:—

All infants per 1,000 live births	46.2
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	48.24
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	0

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	29
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	0
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	1
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	1

Vital Statistics.

Births.

The birth rate increased from 14.4 in 1941 to 16.8. The total number of births was 388 of which 182 were males and 206 females.

The birth rate of Felling compared with the rest of the Country generally was as follows:—

England and Wales	...	...	15.8
126 County Boroughs and			
Great Towns	...	...	17.3
148 Smaller Towns	...	...	18.4
London Administrative County	...	...	14.0
Felling Urban District	...	...	16.8

Still Births.(Rates Per 1000 Civilian Population)

The number of still births in the district was 15 and compared with the Country generally was as follows:—

England and Wales	...	...	0.54
126 County Boroughs and			
Great Towns	...	...	0.66
148 Smaller Towns	...	...	0.62
London Administrative County	...	...	0.48
Felling Urban District	...	...	0.64

Deaths.

The death rate in 1942 was 12.1 as compared with 13.0 in 1941. The following figures show the comparison with the rest of the Country:—

England and Wales	...	...	11.6
126 County Boroughs and			
Great Towns	...	...	13.3
148 Smaller Towns	...	...	12.1
London	...	...	13.9
Felling Urban District	...	...	12.1

The statistics regarding causes of death, supplied by the Registrar General, classified according to sex and the 36 divisions of the Registrar General's Short List of Causes, are set out below.

Causes of Death in Felling Urban District, 1942.

Causes of Death.						Males	Female
ALL CAUSES	...	...	...	...	...	152	129
1 Typhoid and paratyphoid fevers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2 Cerebro-spinal fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3 Scarlet fever	...	...	...	...	...	0	..
4 Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	0	1
5 Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
6 Tuberculosis of respiratory system	...	...	...	...	...	9	13
7 Other forms of tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	...	3	2
8 Syphilitic diseases	...	...	...	...	...	1	0
9 Influenza	...	...	...	...	...	0	1
10 Measles	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
11 Acute Polio myelitis and Polio encephalitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
12 Acute infantile encephalitis	...	...	...	...	...	1	0
13 Cancer, of buc : cav : and oesop : (M) uterus (F)	...	...	...	...	...	3	3
14 Cancer of Stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	...	...	3	5
15 Cancer of breast	...	...	...	...	...	0	3
16 Cancer of all other sites	...	...	...	...	...	7	5
17 Diabetes	...	...	...	...	...	3	6
18 Intracranial vascular lesions	...	...	...	...	...	15	19
19 Heart disease	...	...	...	...	...	39	20
20 Other diseases of circulatory system	...	...	...	...	...	3	2
21 Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	14	12
22 Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	0	5
23 Other respiratory diseases	...	...	...	...	...	0	0
24 Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum	...	...	...	...	...	3	0
25 Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	...	...	...	...	...	0	1
26 Appendicitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
27 Other digestive diseases	...	...	...	...	...	3	2
28 Nephritis	...	...	...	...	...	4	3
29 Puerperal and post-abortive sepsis	...	...	...	...	...	0	0
30 Other maternal causes	...	...	...	...	...	0	0
31 Premature Birth	...	...	...	...	...	1	2
32 Con : mal :, Birth injuries, infant : dis :	...	...	...	...	...	3	4
33 Suicide	...	...	...	...	...	4	0
34 Road Traffic accidents	...	...	...	...	...	3	1
35 Other violent causes	...	...	...	...	...	8	3
36 All other causes	...	...	...	...	...	22	15

GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE,
(Statistical Branch),
Terra Nova School,
Southport.

Section B.

General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

Laboratory Facilities.

There has been no change in the laboratory arrangements during the past year. Bacteriological examinations are carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, King's College, Newcastle upon Tyne, in accordance with arrangements made between the County Council and Durham University.

Nursing in the Home.

The Heworth and District Nursing Association are a local voluntary body, who provide the services of two nurses for home nursing duties. These nurses work under the direction of general practitioners of the area.

(c) Hospitals: Public and Voluntary.

There is an Isolation Hospital for Infectious Diseases at Windy Nook, Felling, which is maintained by this Local Authority. It consists of 4 large wards and a small observation ward, each with its own lavatory and bathroom. Total accommodation, 28 beds and 6 cots.

The other hospitals outside of the district, which are made use of for the treatment of medical and surgical cases are:—

Hospital for Infectious Diseases, Walker Gate, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Royal Victoria Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Fleming Memorial Children's Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Princess Mary Maternity Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Throat, Nose and Ear Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Eye Infirmary, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Children's Hospital, Gateshead-on-Tyne.

High Teams Hospital, Gateshead-on-Tyne.

(d) TREATMENT CENTRES AND CLINICS.

<i>Clinic</i>	<i>Situation</i>	<i>Sessions</i>	<i>Provided by</i>	
Maternity and Child Welfare	Crow Hall Lane, Felling.	Twice Weekly	Durham County Council	
School Clinic	Heworth	Monday and Thurs- day 9—12 noon	Felling U.D.C.	Minor Ailments Con- sultations & Advice
School Clinic	Heworth	Tuesday 9-30—12 noon	Felling U.D.C.	Refractions & Fitting of Spectacles
School Clinic	Heworth	Friday 9-15—12 1-30—3-30	Felling U.D.C.	Dental Work Extrac- tions and Fillings
Tuberculosis Clinic	Kent Str., Jarrow	Monday (Women and Children) Wednesday (Men and Boys)	Durham County Council	Consultations
Venereal Diseases	Royal Victoria Infirmary	—	Durham County Council	Consultations Treatment

Section C.**Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.****1. (i) Water.**

With the exception of one small holding the area is supplied with water drawn from the reservoir of the Newcastle and Gateshead Water Company through a piped system. Pressure of water is poor in the higher parts of the district. A farm, homestead, and four attached cottages which previously obtained a supply of water for human consumption from a bore hole and spring is now supplied with water from the Newcastle and Gateshead Water Company's mains. The small-holder (caravan dwelling) obtains a supply of water for human consumption from a spring. Two samples of spring water were taken during the year, and submitted to the County Analyst for Chemical and Bacteriological Examination. Two samples of pond water were submitted for analysis (suspected case of Typhoid).

SMITHBURN ROAD—SPRING.

Observations.—The examination of this sample shows that it is contaminated by some form of undesirable drainage, and consequently in its present condition the supply is not satisfactory quality for drinking purposes.

**SMITHBURN ROAD—SPRING (AFTER
CHLORINATION):**

Observation.—The sample affords no evidence of contamination by drainage of an undesirable character, and the bacteriological tests, both of which show that the matters observed in the microscopical examination have no significance from the hygienic standpoint. The treatment is perfectly satisfactory, and the water is of good and wholesome quality for human consumption.

(ii) Drainage.

No important development has taken place during the year. Examination of the drainage system at a cinema proved that the system was antiquated and defective. New drainage, together with proper sanitary accommodation for men and women, has been provided.

2. Rivers and Streams.

The River Tyne is our only large waterway and serves as a common sewer for the many townships along its banks. The other stream running through this district is known as the River Don.

3. (i) Closet Accommodation.

There are approximately 6,480 water-closets, 120 ash-closets and 2 ash middens in Felling. The number of ash-closets will decrease as further Clearance of unfit property takes place. The ash-closets are situated in remote parts of the district where no sewers are available.

(ii) Public Cleansing.

Collection and Disposal of Refuse, Street Sweeping and Collection of Salvage is carried out by the Health Department.

REFUSE COLLECTION.

Collection of refuse is carried out by means of three motor vehicles: Fordson, 7 cub. yds.; Commer, 9 cub. yds.; Karrier Bantam, 7 cub. yds. These vehicles collect the house and trade refuse from approximately 6,700 premises. Each vehicle is manned by four loaders. The longest haul is approximately two miles, the tip being situated at the South West of the district. Controlled tipping is strictly carried out. Transport of the inert material for covering purposes on the tip is done by our refuse collecting lorries. House refuse collection is once weekly; where a twice weekly collection is necessary an extra bin is provided free of charge by the Local Authority. Trade refuse is collected twice weekly.

GULLEY CLEANSING.

Gully cleansing is carried out by means of a 500 gallon Gully Emptier. The vehicle has a 7 cub. yd. interchangeable refuse collection body.

SALVAGE.

The collection of salvage has been carried out during the year. Each refuse collection vehicle is provided with a

trailer and wire basket. Salvage from house and shop premises is carried out at the same time as refuse collection. Large quantities of salvage are collected separately. Pig food is collected once a week. A summary of the material collected is given below.

SALVAGE RETURN.

	Tons	cwts.	qrs.	£	s.	d.
Waste Paper	108	6	3	421	0	0
Black Scrap	13	13	3	42	14	0
Other scrap (tins). ...	99	14	3	160	0	0
Aluminium	0	3	2	5	10	0
Copper	0	2	0	4	0	0
Brass L.	0	7	2	9	10	0
Lead	0	6	0	5	12	0
Other Non-Ferrous ...	0	0	2½	3	10	0
Rags, Carpets	10	4	2	124	3	0
Bottles and Jars	10	2	0	80	17	0
Rubber	4	13	1	12	6	0
Kitchen Waste	98	14	0	130	15	0
Bones	5	2	0	19	6	0
	<hr/> 351	<hr/> 10	<hr/> 0½	<hr/> 1019	<hr/> 3	<hr/> 0

STREET SWEEPING.

Street Sweeping is done by the Gang method. No serious complaint has arisen during the year.

*Report of Sanitary Inspector
to Medical Officer of Health.*

SIR,

I submit to you my Seventh Annual Report upon the work of the Sanitary Department for the year 1942.

The work of Public Cleansing and the Collection of Salvage is carried out by the Sanitary Department.

The district has been regularly inspected for the detection of nuisances.

A summary of notices which have been served during the year will be found on page 23.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

ROBERT JAY McLAREN,

Sanitary Inspector.

General Sanitary Work.

During the year 380 Informal Notices for the abatement of nuisances were served.

Infectious Diseases.

During the year 82 cases of Notifiable Diseases were received from the Medical Officer. 72 persons were removed to the Isolation Hospital at Windy Nook, Sheriff Hill Hospital, and Walkergate Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne; the rooms formerly occupied by the patients were disinfected; the premises inspected for sanitary defects and the condition of the premises recorded:—

Patients removed to Hospital	...	...	72
Houses Inspected	...	...	16
Houses Disinfected	...	...	110
Clothing and Bedding Disinfected (lots)	...	...	110
Visits to Infected Houses	...	...	16

(iv). Shops Act.

No action taken during the year.

(v) CAMPING SITES

1. The number of sites in the area which were used for camping purposes Nil
- 2 Number of camping sites in respect of which Licenses have been issued by L.A. under Section 269 P.H. Act, 1936 Nil
3. The estimated maximum number of campers resident in the area at one time during 1941 Nil

(v). **Smoke Nuisances.**

The greater nuisance in this District is caused by smoke and fumes discharged from burning pit heaps, two Collieries—one situated in the South Ward and one in the East Ward of the District—have each a huge heap continually emitting sulphurous fumes which, when the wind is in the right direction, cause discomfort and annoyance to the inhabitants in this and adjoining Districts.

(vi). **Swimming Pools.**

There are no Public Baths or Swimming Pools in this area.

(vii). **Eradication of the Bed Bug.**

	Council Houses	Other Houses
(1) Number of Houses infested ...	3	3
(2) The method employed for freeing infested houses from bed bugs ...	Fumigation using Cimex Blocks also spraying with Zaldecide and in some instances removal of skirt- ing boards, etc., and application of heat by painters blow lamp.	
(3) The method employed for ensuring that the belongings of tenants are free from vermin ...	By examination, if found to be verminous, subjecting the articles to Fumigation.	
(4) Whether the work of disinfection is carried out by the Local Authority or Contractor ...	Local Authority	

Schools.

The schools were inspected regularly during the year by the Staff of the Health Department.

Section D.

Housing.

1.—Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the Year:—

- | | | | | | | |
|---------|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| (1) (a) | Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 355 |
| (b) | Number of inspections made for the purpose | ... | ... | ... | ... | 885 |

3.—Action under Statutory Powers during the year:—

- | | | | | | | |
|-----|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
| (d) | The number of separate tenements in respect of which closing Orders were determined, the tenement having been made fit | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
|-----|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|

4.—Housing Act, 1936—Overcrowding:—

- | | | | | | | |
|---------|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| (a) (i) | Owing to War conditions overcrowding has greatly increased during the year. A Census will have to be taken before an accurate figure can be given | ... | ... | ... | ... | — |
| (b) (i) | Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year | ... | ... | ... | ... | 21 |

Section E.

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

(a) Milk Supply.

There are eight producer retailers of milk in this district, seven produce and retail ordinary milk, and one "Accredited Milk." Three wholesale producers of ordinary milk are also registered with this Authority. All milk supplied to the schools is pasteurized. Eleven samples of pasteurized milk, three samples of ordinary milk, and one sample of sterilized milk were submitted for examination to the Department of Dairy Husbandry, Armstrong College, Newcastle upon Tyne. One sample of ordinary milk was also submitted for special bacteriological examination (suspected typhoid).

The Milk (Special Designation) Order, 1936.

Seven firms were issued with licenses during the year.

Description of License.	Number Issued
Supplementary License (pasteurized milk)	3
Dealer's License (pasteurized milk)	3
Supplementary (T. Tested)	1

(b) Meat and other Foods.

There are nine other slaughter houses in this District. None are in use as all animals are slaughtered and examined at the Government Centralised Slaughter House in Newcastle.

One slaughter house is used as Food Receiving and Distribution Depot. Butchers' shops and food preparing premises are regularly inspected.

FOOD CONDEMNED.

Food.	Amount.	Disease or condition.
Corned Beef ...	103 lbs.	Decomposition.
Chopped Ham ...	164 lbs.	„
Pork Luncheon		„
Meat	164 lbs.	
Meat (Bovine) ...	120 lbs.	„
Cod Fish ...	154 lbs.	„
Ox Tongues ...	60 lbs.	„
Bacon	2 lbs.	„
Pork Sausage ...	7 lbs.	„
Onions	32 sts.	„

Granulated Sugar	18½ lbs.	Mixed with Soap and dirt.
Pine Slices	3 tins	Decomposition.
Peas	2 tins	„
Beans	10 tins	„
Salmon	36 tins	„
Pilchards	3 tins	„
Stewed Steak	5 tins	„
Apples	1 tin	„
Tomatoes	18 tins	„
Sausage Meat	3 tins	„
Pears	6 tins	„
Carrots	4 tins	„
Pressed Brisket of Beef	2 tins	„

One hundred and sixteen condemnation certificates were issued during the year.

Adulteration.

Durham County Council are responsible for the administration of the relevant Acts and Regulation.

Chemical and Bacteriological Examination of Foods.

This work is carried out by the Durham County Council.

Section F.

Prevention and Control over Infectious and other Diseases.

Thirty-one cases of Diphtheria and fifty-one cases of Scarlet Fever were notified during the year as compared with 22 and 22 respectively in 1941.

One case of Diphtheria proved fatal.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

During the year 1942 337 children under 5 years of age and 514 children between the ages of 5 and 15 were immunised against Diphtheria. The estimated number of children in the District and the percentage immunised is given below.

		Under 5.	Between 5 and 15.
Estimated number in district	...	1,700	3,800
Percentage immunised	... ..	37%	36.8%

Table showing the Age Incidence, Deaths, Etc., from Notifiable Diseases during the Year.

Notifiable Diseases	Number of Cases Notified													Number removed to Hospital	Number of Deaths
	At all ages	At the following ages—years													
		0	1	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	35	45	65		
Smallpox ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever ...	51	1	1	2	7	29	8	3	—	—	—	—	41	—	—
Diphtheria ...	31	—	—	—	2	6	13	7	3	—	—	—	31	—	1
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid) ...	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Pneumonia ...	5	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—
Erysipelas ...	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—
Dysentery ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cer. Sp. Men. ...	7	—	—	1	2	—	2	1	1	—	—	—	7	—	—
Measles ...	110	3	1	17	16	47	7	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough ...	5	1	2	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1

Summary of Principal Inspections Made.

REASON OF INSPECTION.	No OF In- SPECTIONS.
DWELLING-HOUSES.	
General inspections	718
Overcrowding of dwellings	2
Defective paving of yards	3
DRAINAGE.	
Choked drains	61
Defective sink waste pipes, gullies, etc. ...	43
OFFENSIVE DEPOSITS.	
Accumulation of manure, etc.	1
WATER SUPPLY.	
Defective fittings	63
REGISTERED AND LICENSED PREMISES	
Cow byers	70
Milk purveyors	20
Ice Cream Premises	Nil
Fish Shops	7
INFECTIOUS DISEASES.	
Visits—re disinfection	16
FACTORIES ACT.	
Inspection of Factories	106
DISINFESTATION.	
Rat proofing of premises	4
Beetles	16
Bugs.... ..	12
Fleas	5
TOTAL	1142

Factories Act, 1937.

1.—INSPECTIONS FOR PURPOSES OF PROVISIONS AS TO HEALTH. INCLUDING INSPECTIONS MADE BY SANITARY INSPECTORS.

PREMISES. (1)	NUMBER OF		
	Inspection (2)	Written Notices (3)	Occupiers Prosecuted (4)
Factories with Mechanical Power	40	20	—
Factories without Mechanical Power	61	7	—
Other Premises (not including outworkers Premises)	5	—	—
Total	106	27	—

2.—DEFECTS FOUND.

Particulars. (1)	Number of Defects.			Number of defects in respect of which prosecutions were instituted (5)
	Found. (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred to H.M. Insp'ct'r (4)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1.)	27	27		—
Overcrowding (S.2.) ...	—	—		—
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3.)	—	—		—
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4.) ...	—	—		—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6.)	—	—		—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.)				
insufficient	—	—	—	
unsuitable or defective	—	—	—	
not separate for sexes	—	—	—	
Other Offences				
Total	27	27	—	—

FIRE ESCAPE SECTION 34.

One Certificate was granted during the year

FACTORY.	Depts.	No. of Persons employed.	Certs. Granted.
C.W.S. Quilt Works.	10	476	1

Summary of Notices served for the Abatement of Nuisances.

	Informal Notices	Statutory Notices	Complied with or receiving attention
Drains, defective, to repair or reconstruct ...	2		2
Sink waste pipes, to repair and trap ...	16		16
Roofs, to repair ...	60		60
Spouting, to repair or renew ...	20		20
Floors, to repair and provide sub-floor ventilation ...	4		4
Ceilings, to repair ...	20		20
Wall plaster, to repair ...	9		9
Wall pointing, to repair or renew ...	10		10
Water supply, to restore or lay indoors ...	17		17
Accumulation of Manure ...	1		1
Out-houses, to repair ...	3	1	3
Windows, to renew sash cords or repair ...	31		31
Scullery benches, to repair ...	3		3
Scullery set pot, etc., to repair ...	10		10
Provide ash bins ...	50		50
Cowsheds, to cleanse floor, lime-wash, etc. ...	15		15
House doors, to repair or renew ...	13		13
Water closets, to repair or provide ...	16		16
Bakeries, to lime-wash ...	3		3
Yard doors and lintels, to repair or renew ...	14		14
Pantry, to repair or provide ...	2		2
Choked drains ...	30		30
Pigsties ...	1		1
Chimneys, to repair ...	3		3
Stairs, to repair treads and provide handrails ...	2		2
Fireplaces and ovens, to repair or renew ...	10		10
Yard paving, to repair or renew ...	3		3
Yard gullies, to renew, etc. ...	6		6
Rat infestation, source made rat proof ...	4		4
Beetles and fleas ...	2		2
TOTALS ...	380	1	380

**Tuberculosis —New Cases and Mortality
for 1942.**

AGE PERIODS.		NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	....	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
5	....	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
15	....	2	8	1	1	2	10	3	1
25	....	3	2	—	1	5	1	—	—
35	....	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
45	....	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	—
55	....	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
65 and upwards		—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS		8	15	1	2	9	13	3	2

